

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

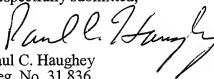
Claims 2, 3, 10-12 and 26-27 are pending in this application. The remaining claims have been canceled. Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been so rewritten, and accordingly is believed allowable. The remaining claims 2, 3, 10-12 and 26-27 have been made dependent on claim 3, and thus are also believed allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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